

Application No. 10/716,291
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Remarks

Restriction Requirement

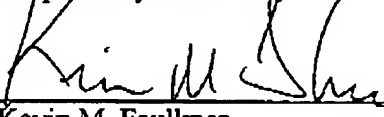
The Examiner Restricted claims 1-56 into several categories under both 35 U.S.C. 121 and PCT Rule 13.1, stating that "the invention listed in Groups I-IX do not relate to a single general inventive concept under Rule 13.1 because, under Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical feature", and then goes on to elaborate on each. The Applicant wishes to note that the present application is a U.S. National Application and not an International PCT application. Thus, the PCT rules do not apply in the present case.

Nonetheless, in order to expedite prosecution, the Applicant will elect, without traverse, Group I claims, claims 1-13, and will "withdraw" the remaining claims until it is indicated that some or all of these claims are allowable.

It is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

3/14/05
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